

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CI-75**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MIKE HALLIGAN**, on January 6, 1999 at 4:00 P.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mike Halligan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Sue Bartlett (D)  
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)  
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)  
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)  
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)  
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)  
Rep. Scott J Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Sen. Spook Stang (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Diana Wyatt (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Phoebe Olson, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s): January 6, 1999  
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON MCHA OPERATIONS

**Informational Testimony:** Given by State Auditor Mark O'Keefe.  
**EXHIBIT(ics03a01)** {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 5} Next speaker was Bill Jensen, Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Montana. **EXHIBIT(ics03a02)EXHIBIT(ics03a03)** {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5 - 12} State Auditor O'Keefe spoke again, then Bill Jensen.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Concerns were brought up by Committee Members.

**Rep. Robert Story** to Bill Jensen, Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Montana. **Sen. Don Hargrove** to Auditor O'Keefe. **Rep. Betty Kasten** to Auditor O'Keefe. **Rep. Mark Noennig** to Auditor O'Keefe.  
**EXHIBIT(ics03a04)EXHIBIT(ics03a05)EXHIBIT(ics03a06)**

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30 - 35} **Chairman Mike Halligan** spoke. Legislative Counsel Greg Petsch gave some legal ramifications under CI-75. **EXHIBIT(ics03a07)** Auditor O'Keefe stated his opinion about the legal staff's interpretation. Bill Jensen spoke again. **Sen. Sue Bartlett** had concerns about ethics laws.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 22}  
**Discussion:** **Sen. Halligan, Sen. Bartlett** each spoke briefly. Next was Lance Melton, MSBA General Counsel.  
**EXHIBIT(ics03a08)EXHIBIT(ics03a09)** **Rep. Story** directed question to **Sen. Bartlett**. Next **Sen. Grimes** spoke on committee consensus on bill draft request. **Sen. Grosfield** and **Rep. Story**. Discussion closed with **Sen. Bartlett**. **EXHIBIT(ics03a10)**

Meeting split into Education and Local Government subcommittees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

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SEN. MIKE HALLIGAN, Chairman

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PHOEBE OLSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (ics03aad)